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SUBJ: PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL MAPPING EVALUATION OF

- NATIONAL RESOURCES AND MONITORING OF DESERTIFICATION
- PROCESSES IN WESTERN DESERT OF EGYPT UTILIZING
- LANDSAT SATELLITE IMAGERY

REF: CAIRO 11311

1. REFTEL RPTD BELOW FYI. REQUEST NAIROBI PASS SUBSTANCE
UNEP FOR DIR, DR. MUSTAFA TOLBA, WHO REQUESTED INFO ON
SUBJ DURING RECENT CONVERSATION HERE WITH SCIATT. TOLBA
WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT PROPOSAL WAS NEAR APPROVAL.

2. QUOTE. PROPOSAL WAS EVALUATED BY USGS AND AID/TAB/OST.
SUMMARY: PROPOSAL JUDGED TO BE VERY WEAK AND OVER AMBI-
TIOUS TO EXTENT OF NOT BEING PRACTICAL. 2. AS A CONSE-
QUENCE PARA 1 THE REMOTE SENSING CENTER HAS SUBMITTED A
REVISED PROPOSAL ENTITLED "PROPOSAL FOR USE OF REMOTE
SENSING IN MONITORING THE PROCESS OF DESERTIFICATION IN
EGYPT AND IN THE TRAINING OF RESOURCE MANAGERS." THIS
PROPOSAL HAS ALSO BEEN REVIEWED BY USGS AND AID AND IS
PRESENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE NSF. USGS AND AID EVALUATIONS,
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WHILE MUCH MORE FAVOURABLE, CONTINUE TO VIEW PROPOSAL AS
WEAK, E.G., THE RSC SUBORDINATES THE ROLE OF OTHER GOE
INSTITUTIONS TO THAT OF THE RSC; AND DOES NOT GIVE THOSE
ENTITIES ADEQUATE CREDIT FOR THE VALUE OF THEIR INPUTS,
THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR DATA, THEIR EXPERTISE AND THEIR
RESPECTIVE AUTHORIZATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. 3. USAID
IS HOLDING THIS MATTER OPEN AND WAITING FOR NSF EVALUA-

TION. END QUOTE. ELTS

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